

1997, Maestro Yeh conducted at the reunification ceremonies in Hong Kong. Although his work and community service often constrains his free time, Tsung Yeh has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest, his family. He and his wife Saulan reside in Grainger, Indiana with their three children, Mona, Melina, and Joseph.

Mayor Scott King is this year's Civic Leadership recipient. Scott King was elected Mayor of the City of Gary in 1995, and entered into his official capacity in January of 1996. Before becoming Mayor, King served as a public defender, deputy prosecutor, and assistant U.S. Attorney of the Northern District of Indiana. As Mayor, King serves as not only a respected member of the professional community, but also as a mentor and a community leader. He offers his services and time to many professional organizations and has accepted numerous appointments, including serving as co-chairman of the United States Conference Mayors' Drug Policy Taskforce.

This year's Healthcare recipient, Dr. Mridula Prasaad, is one of the most caring dedicated, and selfless citizens of Indiana's First Congressional District. Dr. Prasaad is a Board Certified neurologist who has been in private practice since 1988. She offers her services and time to many professional organizations as the Associate Medical Director of the Rehabilitation Unit of Community Hospital, the Associate Program Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Clinic of the Neuroscience Institute of Methodist Hospital, and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology at the Northwest Center for Medical Education, Indiana School of Medicine in Gary. She most recently became the Executive Director of People Helping People, a nonprofit organization she founded to help those with Multiple Sclerosis find assisted and independent living.

Valparaiso University's President, Dr. Alan Harre is this year's Academic Excellence recipient. Dr. Harre became the 17th President of Valparaiso University in October of 1988. Before coming to Valparaiso University, Dr. Harre served as President of Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota. As President, Dr. Harre serves as a teacher, mentor, and community volunteer. He offers his services and time to many professional organizations including serving on the board of directors for numerous organizations throughout Northwest Indiana including the Northwest Indiana Forum, the Valparaiso Community Development Corporation, Munster Community Hospital, and the Quality of Life Council. Though Dr. Harre is dedicated to his career and community, he has never limited the love of his family. Dr. Harre and his wife Diane have three children, Andrea, Jennifer, and Eric, as well as four grandchildren, all of whom they are immensely proud.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Asian-American Medical Society's 1999 Crystal Globe Award winners. The service, dedication, and altruism displayed by Tsung Yeh, Mayor Scott King, Dr. Mridula Prasaad, and Dr. Alan Harre inspire us all to greater deeds.

## TRIBUTE TO BILLY AND ALICE NIX ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two people who I am proud to call my friends, Billy and Alice Nix, on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Billy and Alice Nix for 4 years. When I'm in Sidney or Ash Flat for parades, Billy drives me in one of his antique cars. Billy and Alice are always ready to do their part for the community, school, church or business. The Nixes have been active members of the community of Ash Flat, Arkansas for over 40 years, where they own and run the Ash Flat Livestock Auction. Billy has served on the Sharp County Fair Board and the Northeast Arkansas District Fair Board. Alice gives her time at the Ash Flat Historical Society where she helped the organization publish a book about the history of Ash Flat. The Nix family is also involved in the Church of Christ.

The Nixes cherish their family including their three wonderful children Mike, Jan, and Beverly; and their 10 grandchildren and five great grand-children. They are perfect examples of good neighbors, friends, parents and grandparents. The integrity and dedication of the Nixes is a living example to all that know them, especially to institutions like marriage. Our community is a better place to live and work and raise a family because of their efforts and the care and the dedication of Billy and Alice Nix.

## CALIFORNIA RAISIN MARKETING BOARD

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the debut of the California Raisin Marketing Board, CRMB. The CRMB has taken the place of CALRAB, the California Raisin Advisory Board.

CRMB is planting its first roots in tomorrow's raisin sales with restaurant projects, back-to-school campaigns, food service and produce marketing trade show participation, retail and trade advertising, website development, health and nutrition research and promotions, and the rebirth of the California Raisin, a new character replacing all previous Dancing Raisin Art.

The new character will bring life to raisins and CRMB will launch California raisins into the twenty first century with new ways to promote their product. One of the first major outings for the new character will be a Denny's Restaurant promotion, debuting in January 2000.

The California raisin industry has come far as the world raisin leader. CRMB will bring true glory to the raisin industry in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the California Raisin Marketing Board for their new innovative plan

and character to bring us into the new millennium. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing CRMB a bright future and many years of success.

## HONORING JOHN JORDAN "BUCK" O'NEIL ON HIS 88TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Kansas Citian, and a man who has come to embody the ideals we share as a nation. As a player and coach for the Negro League's Kansas City Monarchs baseball team, as coach and scout for the present day Kansas City Royals, and as a community activist promoting reading and education to children, John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil has come to represent some of our most noble values: determination and dignity, humility and excellence. "Buck" has been a pioneer and trailblazer throughout his life and illustrious career, and demonstrates in his everyday actions and words that determination is the pathway to success. He is a role model for our children and a champion for our country.

As a player, Buck had a career batting average of .288, including four .300-plus seasons at the plate, and led the Kansas City Monarchs to victory in the 1942 Negro World Series. After 12 years as a player, Buck changed hats and managed the Monarchs to four more league titles in six years. Following his career with the Kansas City Monarchs, Buck joined the major leagues as a scout for the Chicago Cubs. In 1962 the Chicago Cubs made him the first African-American to coach in the major Leagues. Buck is credited with signing hall of Fame Baseball greats Ernie Banks and Lou Brock to their first pro contracts, and is acknowledged to have sent more Negro League athletes to the all-white major leagues than any other man in baseball history.

Buck is currently the Chairman for the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City and spends his time promoting the achievements of African-American baseball players who played for love of the game, despite being shut out of the majors because of the color of their skin. As a member of the 18-person Baseball Hall of Fame Veterans Committee, he continues to tear down racial barriers by advancing deserving Negro Leaguers for induction to the Hall. In addition to his duties in Cooperstown and at the museum in Kansas City, Buck is finding new ways to enjoy life and share his wonderful exuberance. As a player, coach, scout, writer, and volunteer Buck represents a magnificent example to our generation and the next.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil, a distinguished ambassador for baseball and symbol of African-American pride, a true hero for all of America, and a favorite son of Kansas City. Congratulations, Buck on the 1999 John Stanford Education Heroes Award. It is an honor to help celebrate your 88th birthday and demonstrate the Negro League's commitment to education through "Reading Around the Bases." I salute you for your lifetime of achievement, and am both proud and honored to call you my friend. Thank you, Buck, for all